

## Question 25. Ideas for Federal Agencies to better meet Beach Information Needs

25.01 Help develop predictive model.

25.02 CDC's water contact page is almost exclusively about pools, with links to old EPA stuff about natural water systems. I would like to see more publications and resources related to beaches and more information about risks to humans from non-human sources of *E. coli*.

25.03 Require all sewage treatment plants to notify the local health department when they have discharges that exceed their permitted amounts within 24 hrs.

25.04 We need guidance and information on the best and most up to date BMPs to reduce *E. coli* on beaches... we know we have problems, but how do we fix them. What are some ideas?

25.05 Newsletters

25.06 Multi-agency, integrated basin-wide information collection and pooling to help predict water quality. Dose, transport and fate; modeling.

25.07 EPA developed a tool in VB. Apply standards consistently to public and private beaches. Need much better coordination of the four Federal Agencies to eliminate redundancy in effort and develop more consistent policy.

25.08 I would like to know what information is available.

25.09 From a public health perspective, rapid results and communication to the public are the #1 key priorities for beach management.

25.10 Provide more funding that would allow for source tracking analysis, remediation activities, and monitoring. (Combination of several suggestions for more funding)

25.11 Stop utilizing a tool and standards to issue public notices that do not correlate to actual risk from pathogens, i.e. 18hr coliform testing.

25.12 Develop a real time test for *E. coli*-results in less than 2 hrs.